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Council tries to hold the line on taxes

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors were looking to trim the township's 2013 budget on Tuesday.

At a special committee-of-the-whole meeting on Jan. 15, councillors reviewed the year's draft budget.

There is a net shortfall of just more than \$201,000, representing a 3.56 per cent increase over the 2012 tax levy.

"I feel that's too high," said Councillor Ken Redpath, who heads up the township's finance committee, adding he'd like to see the township do what it did in 2012, which was accommodate a three per cent increase using a combination of property taxes and growth.

Bringing the 3.56 per cent figure down to three would mean finding \$32,000 through either decreased expenditures or increased revenues.

"In my mind, it's completely doable," treasurer Lorrie Blanchard told councillors.

In 2013, provincial funding for the blue box program will decrease by more than five per cent or \$7,500, Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund money by nearly three per cent or \$31,300 and policing costs will increase from \$1,179,730 to \$1,196,000, or by 1.43 per cent.

Reeve Barb Reid said that was the smallest policing cost increase she'd seen in her two and half terms on council.

"It's not ideal that it's still going up . . . but at least it's
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Fur harvesters welcome new generation

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Wyatt Watson doesn't quite know how to describe the feeling he's experiencing.

The 11-year-old from Baddow is gently holding a muskrat while he pulls the skin of the animal back and holds onto its legs.

"It feels a bit like mush," said Wyatt.

Under the guidance of Phil Tamlin, of the Minden-District Fur Harvesters, Wyatt is skinning an animal for the first time in his life and he's enjoying it.

Wyatt wasn't the only youth learning how to harvest wildlife creatures at the annual Minden-District Fur Harvesters workshop help at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre on Jan. 13.

The event welcomed enthusiasts of all ages, who came out to learn about the art of trapping animals such as foxes, wolves, beavers, muskrats and fishers.

Members of the club, which has been in existence since 1958, brought pelts to be judged for their quality.

Today the club has close to 100 members, with Paul Arkwright serving as the district's president for the past 15 years.

The annual workshop has been hosted for more than 20 years in Minden.

With no formal youth education currently facilitated by the club, Arkwright sees an opportunity for the future.

"That's one thing we should start doing," he said.

Many of the district's members volunteered their time during the workshop, showing kids how to properly skin and flesh an animal.

Parents also brought their children.

"We don't want the tradition to die," said Arkwright about the importance of getting kids involved.

Ashley Tamlin is an example of the harvesting tradition hanging on. The young woman masterfully fleshes a martin, just steps away from her father.

It is not the first time she has worked on an animal.

"I grew up doing this," she said.

Check out our website for more photos from the event.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Above, Peter Cotterchio, left, and Bob Atkinson of Huntsville check out the pelts that were on display at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre.



Above, crowds filled the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre in Minden on Jan. 13 for the annual Minden-District Fur Harvesters workshop. The club, which was established in 1958, has close to 100 members. Pelts were lined up for judging and included wolves, seen here, foxes, beavers, otters, muskrats and other animals.

Right, Ashley Tamlin, left, and Matt Miller work on fleshing their animals at the annual Minden-District Fur Harvesters workshop. The full day event included demonstrations, pelt judging and prizes.

Far right, 21-year-old Jesse Hamilton of Minden fleshes a fisher. Hamilton has been learning the harvesting practice for the past month.

Angelica Blenich Staff



Labour action hurts outdoor ed

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

While the lack of extracurricular activities at Ontario's public schools has clear ramifications for students, what might not be as clear is the impact it's having on area businesses, particular those that specialize in outdoor education.

A number of the county's businesses say the labour action being taken by the unions in response to Bill 115, which freezes pay, reduces benefits and removes teachers' right to strike, means their traffic numbers are down.

In some cases, it is resulting in loss of work for their employees.

"I imagine we're the same as most outdoor education centres as we've seen virtually all school groups cancel," said Jim McHardy, director of the Kinark Outdoor Centre outside of Carnarvon. "That's meant that obviously our activity levels have gone down dramatically and less revenue and less employment opportunities for our staff, particularly those part-time staff."

McHardy said most of the centre's employees, from those in food service to maintenance workers, are looking at reduced hours.

The centre is opened mostly on weekends only, when it hosts programming for families with autistic members.

Some staff are making visits to schools through the centre's No Child Left Inside program, for which it received a grant.

"The local school board is incredibly supportive," McHardy said. "The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has always supported outdoor ed."

While the centre employs up to 50 people in the summer, during the rest of the year it has about 15 staff.

Aside from the labour action, McHardy said the centre has been experiencing decreasing traffic during the winter in recent years, which he attributes to a shrinking student population, increased transportation costs and the fact that secondary school teachers who take a group of students out for



Chad Ingram Staff

Outdoor education facilities like the Kinark Outdoor Centre are being negatively affected by the lack of extracurricular activities at Ontario schools.

the day need to be replaced by a substitute at their school.

At Camp Wanakita, director Andy Gruppe told the paper the facility had lost about half of its usual winter groups.

"A lot of these teachers have been coming for a long time and are really supportive of the place," Gruppe said.

The camp typically has about 2,500 students attend during the winter. This year, that number will be about 1,250, Gruppe said, with students from private and Catholic schools still coming to take part in activities.

There will be lost working hours for staff at the camp, from support staff to food services "and most particularly the program staff that are hired to work with these groups."

Haliburton Forest is also being impacted by the lack of school field trips.

"We did have a group that came up last week because deposits were already prepaid," said manager Dave Bishop, adding that other visits had been cancelled. "It will have a substantial effect on the outdoor education program here at Haliburton Forest. This is a portion of our outdoor ed, not all of it."

Bishop believes the effects of the standoff between the teachers' unions and the provincial government will be long-lasting.

"We have to look at this for more than the winter," he said. "This is going to last upwards of two years."

Bishop said he didn't yet know how staffing might be affected, but said reduced hours or layoffs may be a possibility.

Biologist Irene Heaven, whose Out to Learn business offers educational programming for children, said she will likely experience a 10 to 15 per cent drop.

In what outdoor educator Barrie Martin called a "grand irony," the stoppage of extracurricular activities also comes in a year where the education ministry allotted \$20 million that school boards could apply for to be used for outdoor educational activities.

"This is the first time in a long time the ministry's realized the value of outdoor education and that we need to connect kids with the outdoors," said Martin, who spent 28 years with the Frost Centre and owns Yours Outdoors.

ETFO calls provincial government action hypocritical

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Local Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario president Steve Colliver is calling the provincial government's move to take last week's planned political protest to the Ontario Labour Relations Board hypocritical.

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, Archie Stouffer Elementary School, like other public schools throughout the province, announced its doors would be closed to students on Friday, Jan. 11, the result of a planned political protest for the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario.

There is continuing conflict between ETFO, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation and the Ontario government over Bill 115, the controversial legislation passed in the fall and used recently to force new contracts

on teachers, freezing their wages, cutting benefits and making striking illegal.

While ETFO called the walkout planned for last week a political protest, the government took the issue to the Ontario Labour Relations Board and in a marathon hearing that started on the afternoon of Jan. 10 and concluded around 4 a.m. on Jan. 11, the board ruled the protest illegal.

"It's the ultimate in hypocrisy, isn't it?" Colliver wrote in an email to the paper.

Pointing out that the mandate of the board is "to provide, as an independent tribunal, excellence in administrative justice through the effective resolution of labour and employment disputes."

"That's how it's supposed to work," Colliver wrote, "Unless you are a teacher. If you're a teacher, that same government passed a law that not only took away your rights to

collective bargaining, but also your right to do as they did by taking the dispute to OLRB."

His email went on to say that passing "a law that allows you to break another is just wrong. If that's not the ultimate hypocrisy, I don't know what is."

Colliver didn't see last week's decision as a setback and confirmed the union will be continuing its fight.

"We aren't done with it yet," he wrote, "as simply allowing this government to plow under our rights through their misuse of power is not something we can abide by. We will be seeking respectful and meaningful dialogue with whom-ever is elected as the new premier when that happens."

Outgoing Premier Dalton McGuinty has said the fight belongs in the courtroom, not the classroom.

Some schools, including ASER, opened their doors to their students last Friday. However, buses in Haliburton County were cancelled due to icy conditions.



Golden Slipper era fun

Couples such as Earl and Eleanor Cooper, front right, danced the night away at the third annual Golden Slipper Dance hosted by the Haliburton County Historical Society at Carnarvon Bowl on Jan. 12. The evening featured music by Jazz Kitchen from the 1950s era. The event is named after the popular dance hall formerly on Lake Kashagawigamog. **Angelica Blenich** Staff

Pre-trial appearances for accused in Kennedy murder

Four men being tried for killing 21-year-old man near Minden

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The four men accused of murder in the death of Ryan Kennedy continue to make their way through various pre-trial stages within the province's courts system.

Mason Gillard-Gatza, Tin Wai Hong, Raphael Guerra and Nathaniel Cain have been appearing in courtrooms mostly in Durham, Peterborough and Lindsay since they were arrested in the days following Kennedy's death on Oct. 19, 2011.

At the time, they ranged in age from 19 to 27.

The four have been accused of first-degree murder and attempted murder.

On Sept. 18, 2012, Gillard-Gatza, Hong and Cain were committed to stand trial. Their judicial pre-trial is scheduled to continue in Lindsay on March 4.

Guerra, still at the preliminary stage, is set to appear in Lindsay court on Jan. 18.

At about 11:45 p.m. on Oct. 19, 2011 police and emergency crews were called to a home at 1028 South Lake Rd. where they found two men bound with duct tape and beaten.

One of the men, Kennedy, 21, was pronounced dead at hospital.

Minden Hills department heads outline priorities

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reached cruising altitude," Reid said.

Wages and benefits have also increased by nearly \$60,000, or approximately 1.78 per cent.

That includes negotiated 1.5 per cent wage increases in the CAO, community services and roads departments.

The new combined community services department, which has expanded to include the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, was up 11.76 per cent, with a total budget of approximately \$1,125,000.

Approximately \$285,000 of that represents the cultural centre and approximately \$840,000 parks and recreation.

Staff there are looking to find \$16,000 in savings.

New community services director Janette Loveys and John Rogers, who has been acting as interim community services director, also presented council with a list of suggested capital projects for 2013.

The list included the replacement of an ice resurfer, portable fencing for equestrian events and beer tents, LED light conversion for Riverwalk and renovations to the common room at the cultural centre.

Reid indicated she may want to see some of these priorities changed, saying she considered trail and bridge work at Snowdon Park a bigger priority.

There were more than 20 potential capital projects on the list.

The budget for the environmental and property operations was presented by new department director Ivan Ingram.

Costs in the draft budget were up 18.49 per cent over last year to approximately \$735,000, with major expenses including \$25,000 for two monitoring wells at the Scotch Line landfill; \$16,000 for well-monitoring equipment; \$40,000 for work on the aging Minden sewer system; \$80,000 for a backup generator; \$20,000 for a coin-operated water time to be installed at the community centre; and \$26,000 for fencing at the water tower.

The latter three were 2012 budget items. Reid suggested that anticipated revenues from recycling and fees at the landfill were conservative (the township free household waste voucher program has been discontinued) and thought raising the anticipated revenue as well as bringing down the year's repayment on the library loan from \$55,000 to \$35,000 could help make up ground.

The draft budget for the roads department is approximately \$2.3 million, with major projects including the reconstruction of Tom Bolton and Lochlin roads for \$200,000, as well as the reconstruction and paving of a portion of Parkside Street between Bobcaygeon Road and Dick Street for more than \$216,000.

A tandem truck with plow and sander for \$190,000 is also included in the departmental draft budget.

The budget for the chief administrative

officer's department has shrunk to just more than \$520,000 from the more than \$600,000 that was budgeted for the department last year.

"I've also included some money so that we can apply for the internship program thought the AMCTO [Association of Municipal Mangers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario]," said CAO Nancy Wright-Laking, who is the president of the organization.

The draft budget for the building/bylaw/planning department comes in at approximately \$250,000.

The township will be hiring a temporary full-time building inspector/bylaw officer.

Wages and benefits for the township's committee of adjustment rose substantially from \$12,600 and \$3,600 respectively in the 2012 budget to \$54,800 and \$14,300 in the 2013 draft budget.

Annotation shows that part of the wages for building/bylaw/planning staff were included in this line.

The draft budget also proposes a five per cent increase for water rates.

Its net transfers from reserves are less than \$45,000, representing an almost 90 per cent decrease in net transfers from reserves from last year.

The budget is not finalized.

Department heads will be bringing revised budget information back to council next month.

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Exhibit explores different side of Lapine

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

André Lapine was known to be a very talented artist with a knack for creating picturesque landscapes.

However, what many don't know about him is he spent many years of his career working as an illustrator for the Eaton's Catalogue.

A new exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery explores this part of Lapine's history with enlarged pages from a 1917 catalogue featuring Lapine's drawings.

On until Feb. 23, the exhibit examines the technology behind being an illustrator, focusing on Lapine's work with Brigden's Ltd., an engraving company in Toronto.

Simultaneously set up in the gallery as well as the Minden Hills Museum's bank building, the exhibit also delves into the history of the Eaton's catalogue and its influence on rural Canada.

With very limited access to shopping outlets in the early 1900s, the invention of the catalogue was a novelty for places like Minden.

"At this time, 80 per cent of Canadians lived in rural areas," said museum curator Darren Levstek. "Most had very little access to a selection of goods."

A mail-order catalogue was first used in 1872 by Aaron Montgomery Ward and in 1884 it was adopted by Timothy Eaton.

The inaugural catalogue produced by Eaton was 32 pages and included only clothing and no illustrations.

Eaton handed out the initial catalogue at the National Industrial Exhibition, now known as the CNE.

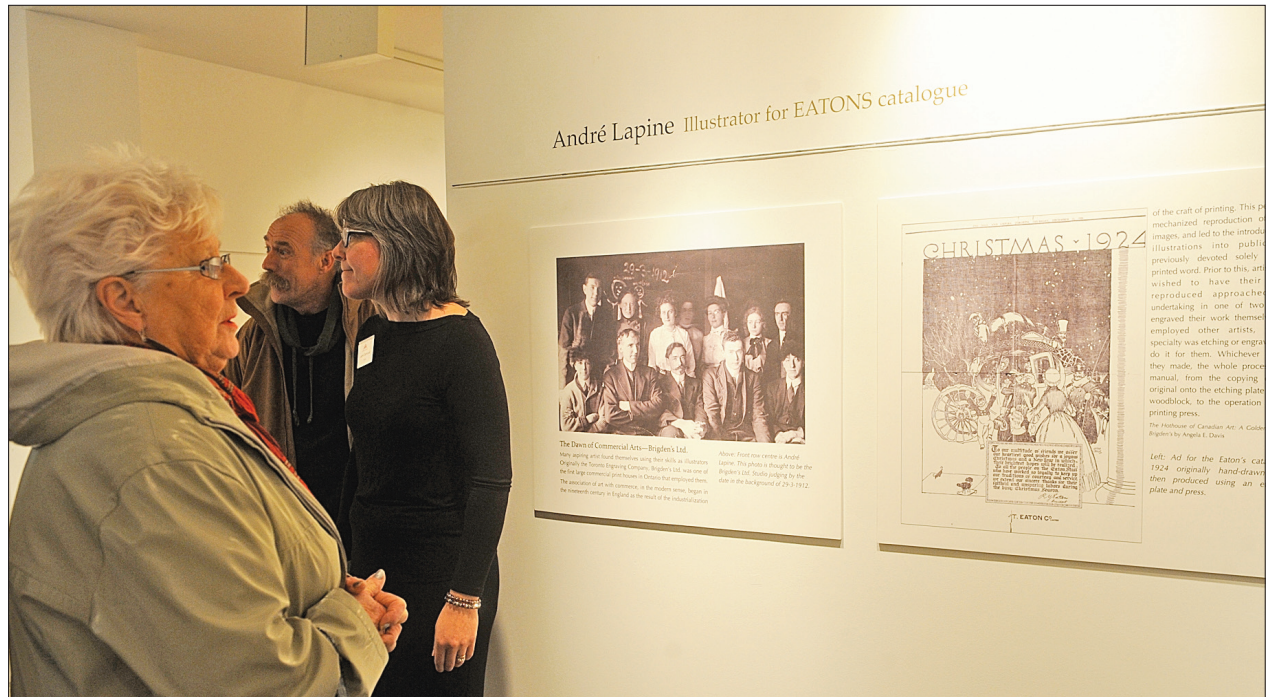
In 1915, colour pages were added to the catalogue and by then it was 400 pages and sold everything, including prefabricated houses.

"It even had kitchen sinks," said Levstek.

As a result Eaton played a vital role in the Canadian economy, said Levstek.

"He created a much larger circle of commerce."

Lapine worked as an illustrator for Eaton around 1917, after moving to Canada from Europe in 1905, said gallery



June Anderson, left, reads about artist André Lapine's years spent as an illustrator for the Eaton's Catalogue during an opening reception at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Jan. 12. The exhibit features enlarged pages from a 1917 catalogue, which included many of Lapine's drawings.

Angelica Blenich Staff

curator Laurie Carmount.

While working as illustrators, the artists treated each page of the catalogue like a poster.

"Many artists worked as illustrators to make a living," she said. "This was the only way they could make money."

In conjunction with the Lapine exhibit the gallery is also hosting ?4U (Question for you), with pieces created

by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 art class.

The works explore the question: "what do you think of new technology being used in art and uses different techniques and new media?"

Levstek will be delving more into the history of Eaton on Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.



Above, ?4U (Question for you) is on now at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until Feb. 23 and is an exhibit exploring new technology being used in art. The exhibit includes work created by students in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 art class and experiments with different techniques and new media.

Left, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School art teacher Paul Marshall, left, and local artist Rose Pearson were all smiles while taking in the work that comprises the exhibit ?4U, on now at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

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Talking tourism

THE COUNTY'S TOURISM development committee made a wise and progressive decision last week, choosing to expand itself to include local tourism stakeholders.

This will help not only to diversify discussion, to widen the spectrum of the collective brainstorm, but also to eliminate any redundancy that may be happening now and to unify the county's tourism marketing efforts.

At the committee's Jan. 9 meeting, members - the county's four reeves - were visited by members of the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Committee, a collective of tourism business owners and operators. The group, which contains a number of what could be considered industry vets, has been meeting for years, occasionally making presentations to county council.

Sometimes a county liaison would attend the group's meetings, bringing reports back to councillors.

The group's purpose is virtually identical to that of the county's revamped economic development committee, now referred to as the tourism development committee. That purpose is to heighten the profile of the Haliburton Highlands and it simply makes sense to have members of the stakeholder group sit directly on the county committee, which makes recommendations to council.

It will allow councillors on the committee to get information directly from the ground and operators to hear the discussion councillors are having without third-party transmission.

The question of how to market the Haliburton Highlands is a complex and ongoing one, one that I've heard discussed for countless hours during my four-and-then-some years in the county.

But the discussion has been going on much longer than that.

Just before Christmastime I was looking through a box of old issues of the *Haliburton Echo*.

I came across one from the 1970s in which former Haliburton-Victoria MPP John Eakins was talking about how the area had great tourism potential, it just needed to figure out how to sell itself.

Yikes. In some ways, it might seem like contemporary politicians are singing the same song nearly 40

years later.

However, it's not like anyone's been resting on their laurels.

The last few decades have been a period of building, of stockpiling tourism assets.

From the water trails in Algonquin Highlands to the Riverwalk in Minden to the many attractions of Haliburton Forest, the list is long.

Now, it's a matter of getting more people here. The current county council had made great strides in modernizing its tourism efforts, embracing the importance of the Internet and social media.

A tourism website will make its debut soon. Having those from the industry sitting directly on the advisory committee can only help continue the trajectory we seem to be on.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

Kwarky



letters to the editor

Thank you, community

To the Editor,

The 2012 Minden Food Bank Christmas Basket committee wishes to thank everyone for their support of the families, especially the children, in need this past Christmas.

The amazing generosity and kindness of the whole community, businesses and individuals alike, allowed us to provide a special Christmas for many people in the Minden-Kinmount area. They were provided with a delicious Christmas dinner, additional food for families, and wonderful presents for the children.

This kind of special gift only happens when volunteers like you give from the heart. We thank you for being so generous and wish you an awesome 2013.

Ron Reid, Chairman
Minden Christmas Basket Program

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A cell tower – the final chapter

To the Editor,

By design or by government regulation, the tower on Gull Lake has gone from two bright flashing white lights to a single flashing red light, back to one flashing white to its present state of two flashing and two steady red lights. Has the final chapter been written? From the phone company's position, the answer is yes. I hope not. Haliburton's greatest asset is its natural beauty, large advertising road signs are visual pollution. Lights are also a source of pollution. No one would dispute that it would be a desecration of a masterpiece to put a flashing red light on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, it is no less a desecration to put one in the middle of "nature's work of art."

It doesn't have to be this way; the whole concept of lights for aviation safety needs to be re-thought. Does anyone seriously believe the water tower in Minden is an aviation hazard? Yet it has a flashing white light during the day and a red one after dark. Do towers need four lights? Are there pilots out there who

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Vegans in space

NOT THAT LONG AGO, the animal rights group PETA suggested that Mars should be declared a vegan planet. This comes as no surprise, especially coming from a group with so many space cadets.

At first blush, this is highly offensive to those of us who eat meat, chicken, fish, eggs, butter and other animal byproducts, but I think before we object too strenuously, we ought to give the proposal some serious consideration.

Having done just that, I see nothing wrong with the idea – except that, like many other PETA-inspired schemes, it makes no practical sense.

Don't get me wrong. I hope it works out for them.

Then, maybe they will stop subjecting the rest of us to ads that feature naked celebrities dressed only in lettuce and cabbage leaves. Between you

and me, nothing turns me off of eating green leafy vegetables more. In fact, every time I pick up a bag of salad, I now wonder which celebrity privates it might have touched.

But all this is neither here nor there. The way I see it, Mars is now up for grabs and if the vegans want it, why not let them have it.

There are a few minor issues to address, however.

For one, Mars has only 37 per cent of the Earth's gravitational pull. This means that if you weigh 100 pounds here, you'd weigh 37 on Mars.

Many vegans would be virtually weightless. Combined with the fact that Mars is home to constant, powerful winds and you have a recipe for disaster – and no need for a Martian airline.

Also, the average temperature on Mars is reported to be around -55 degrees Celsius, so you'd have to dress for cooler temperatures – and let's face it, fur, wool and goose down are still the best way to go here. So again, the planet is not a good fit. Even so, I'm sure there are creative ways to keep warm on Mars – for instance, they could layer up with more lettuce and cabbage leaves. And then we'd really see little green men on Mars.

One of the main reasons I think we should give Mars to the vegans is that its temperature and winds are not suited to barbecuing. This is also the



Steve Galea
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reason why I'd like to claim Venus for us carnivores. That planet has an average temperature of 464 degrees Celsius, which means you could grill almost anything there, throughout the year, without a shirt on. Better still, the gravity on Venus is 91 per cent of that of Earth's, so we'd lose a comfortable nine per cent of our body weight without even trying. And that means more potato salad.

Of course, PETA's far-fetched proposal has just about as much traction as the one I just offered.

Sure, both ideas are out of this world. Sure, it's exciting to fantasize about the possibilities that the future has in store. But we've got to be realistic – if anything, McDonald's will get there first.

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Watching our breath

“PLEASE ICE FISH at night.”
That sounds like an order.

Five words on the wall of a supermarket deli, their meaning subject to interpretation.

What are we to do? Are we all to become fisher folk and get out on the ice right after supper to angle the night away?

Or is the command intended to instruct those of the piscatorial persuasion to wait until after dark to drop the fish a line?

Either way, confused or not, we in Haliburton have learned to do as we are told. All over Haliburton County, folks bearing lanterns and ice augers soon will be squatting over frozen ponds and lakes by starlight, just following orders.

Obedying the law, too. Though the fish and game laws are awash with curfews, you can be out on the ice with a hook, line and sinker any time you want.

A pretty risky business right now, points out The Brown Dog Jiggs. He fears that midnight rambles might soon get fisher folks in cold water. Much of the ice on which they might wish to fish may still be liquid.

Of course, there may even be a third interpretation for the deli sign, seeing

as how it's pretty close to the fresh fish in a display case nearby.

Believe what you will, but I think the words were instructions to all of us. Ain't ambiguity grand!

Speaking of ambiguity, what about our winter? Jiggs, who usually would be dancing a cold-paw jig by now, is disgusted by the season, which did its best to liquidate itself over the weekend.

Water, water running everywhere under the snow, bare lawns not far to the south of us. Slush on the frozen parts of the lakes. Not enough snow for snowmobiles, for skis, for snowshoes, for anything, for anybody trying to make a living from winter.

And not nearly enough cold, for a brisk, sunlit morning is the very best part of my favourite time of the year in Haliburton County. Bundle up with layers and layers of thermals, flannel shirts, sweaters, mackinaws, parkas, ski masks, an extra pair of wool socks . . .

Then step out in the morning and admire your breath. Swallow the cold. Watch The Brown Dog, tail wagging, go dashing through the snow, sometimes

three-legged until you warm a paw between your hands and then he's off again, celebrating the day.

Chickadees and nut-hatches dancing at the feeder, red squirrels cleaning up the spillage. Trees laced with white, new tracks in fresh snow.

White nights bright with moonlight. Forests of shadows. Silent nights but for the banging of trees cracking with the frost, the scrunch of your boots, the wheeze of air brakes from way off on the highway, two miles away.

But that's a dream of perfect Haliburton winter, not the way it has been very often this year. Our imaginations like drama, play tricks with our memories.

But put aside the weekend melt, and perhaps the winter we have been having is not that far from Haliburton normal. It hasn't always been 40 below and there wasn't always snow.

An old-timer remembers green grass one mid-January. The careful records Paul Prentice kept when he was a snowmobile dealer show only a 50 per cent chance of snow on the



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

ground for Christmas.

Forty below? I slept through 40 below one night in my first cabin, the one without indoor plumbing, sprinted to the privy in the morning, thought not so warmly of the glory of a winter day.

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Real cold is an oddity, a conversation piece. Real cold is for boasting. Paris has the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame cathedral, the Louvre, the Champs Élysées . . . We have our high-low thermometers. If the temperature doesn't go low enough, we improve on it.

One morning it is 19 below at day-break on Sapsucker Ridge. Twenty-two below in Kinmount, I hear, then minus 24 in Carnarvon, the talk of the town. The longer we talk about it, the colder it gets.

Jiggs and I are considering buying a new thermometer and finding a way to slide the tube down in its brackets, just so Sapsucker Ridge can be colder than anywhere else.

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Protect the environment

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would try to fly under a flashing red light marking the top of the tower?

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Do the lights have to run continuously or could they be activated only when an aircraft is in the vicinity?

The answer to this last question is that Transport Canada has already approved such a system for use where "light pollution" is an issue.

Use of this type of lighting would require a tower owner to care about the environment. Bell has already stated that they are not considering this option. This means there has to be either an incentive created or a regulation imposed by the politicians.

Let's hope the final chapter will report that common sense prevailed and action was taken to protect the environment.

Dave Bonham
Gull Lake

Thank you

To the Editor,

Two months ago I had a medical issue at home.

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Burns event fundraises for Highland Games

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

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26.
This year's Robbie Burns Night will feature haggis and a buffet dinner.
It will showcase Burns's poems and songs, the strength of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums Band and the grace of the Mansfield School of Highland Dance members, including the Haliburton County Slow Jam Group.
Admission is \$15 and all proceeds will go to the Haliburton Highland Games.

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Affordable housing project applications due this summer

**\$2.9 million from
provincial and federal
governments helped
with construction**

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The affordable housing complex being constructed along County Road 21 just outside Haliburton Village is expected to be completed on July 31 of this year.

Construction on the 24-unit building, a project of the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation, began in the summer, with prep work taking place previously.

It was announced in the fall of 2011 that the corporation was receiving \$2.9 million from the federal-provincial Affordable Housing for Ontario program.

The entire share was put towards the construction of the building.

Each unit in the three-storey complex, which is intended for seniors, will have one bedroom. It will also feature a laundry room, common room and elevator.

"The rent is based on 80 per cent of the average market rent for the area as published by the CMHC [Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation]," housing cor-

poration CEO Hope Lee wrote in an email. "This means at initial occupancy, these units will rent for \$686 per month, utilities included.

Applicants must complete applications by visiting the City of Kawartha Lakes website or the office at 322 Kent St. West in Lindsay or other housing provider locations in the area.

"Applicants must meet household income limits, which for a one-bedroom unit is \$26,500," Lee wrote. "Since this building is for seniors, one member of the household must be at least 60 years of age."

The City of Kawartha Lakes, which acts as the social services provider for Haliburton County, maintains waiting lists for the city and the county, respectively.

"Along with accepting applications from new applicants, we will also be contacting applicants currently on our list for the Haliburton area to see if they are interested in this project," Lee wrote.

The list is chronological, meaning those who've been on it the longest are generally housed first.

"There are two priority categories," Lee wrote. "The first is a provincial category for victims of domestic violence. The second is for those with special needs."

Three of the units will be built with accessibility for those with disabilities.

Haliburton County is one of the poorest municipalities in Ontario.

Ken Whiteley returns for love

Legendary blues, gospel and roots musician Ken Whiteley is returning to the Highlands during the Valentine's weekend. Whiteley, a multi-award winner who plays more than 20 instruments, will be appearing at the Dominion Hotel, on Saturday, Feb. 16 as part of the continuing Canadian Blues Legends series.

Whiteley will be accompanied by the scintillating singing sisters Amoy and Cicely Levy, Jesse Whiteley on keyboard, and Ben Whiteley on bass. This promises to be one of the top music events of the year. Tickets are available by phone or pick-up at the Dominion Hotel, 113 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, 705-286-6954

Season two included dynamite shows from Cameo Blues and Miss Robin Banks.

The Dominion Hotel, in compliance with performing rights organizations, is required to purchase licenses for each performance. In order to cover these costs, a service charge will be added to ticket prices in addition to HST.

Dominion proprietor Shawn Chamberlin and George Farrell are exploring creative ways to cover the increased costs for future shows, but they feel that by bringing you the very best bands and musicians, the Canadian Blues Legends series is still the biggest bang for your entertainment buck.

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Haliburton Forest wolf dies despite vet's efforts

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The only wolf that had been recovered by Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve following a New Year's Eve break-in died over the weekend.

Granite, the alpha female of the pack succumbed to her injuries and died on Saturday, said Peter Schleifenbaum, owner and operator of the privately owned Forest.

"We did everything we could," he said.

Granite was found by Forest staff on the side of a road with bullet wounds and other injuries on Jan. 10.

Haliburton veterinarian Laurie Brown was called to assist with the situation, treating the wolf's injuries after Granite, who was born in 2007, was tranquilized and taken back to the wolf centre.

By the time she was recovered the wolf had lost too much blood and suffered from severe infections, said Brown.

"She needed a blood transfusion, but where do you find wolf blood?" said Brown.

Brown said Granite's injuries were not new, estimating they were at least a week old, if not older.

As of Monday morning, the remaining two wolves, Luna and Lonestar, had still not made their way back into the compound, with Forest staff trying to convince them to return.

"The good news is that the two are still very much around and they're literally hanging around the outside and we feed them there. We've got several strategies in place to try and get them back and hopefully over time ... we will be successful," said Schleifenbaum.

Four wolves had escaped from the nine-wolf pack, another wolf is thought to have been killed, while the two

remaining wolves have been seen nearby.

According to the Forest's Facebook page Granite received two litres of subcutaneous fluids, antibiotics, trace elements, pain killers, injections, stitches and other treatments to help her wounds heal and overall health improve.

While tending to the wolf Brown discovered two bullet wounds, one bullet going right through the wolf's hind leg while the other one grazed it.

"She was shot at twice, obviously. Whoever did it was a very poor shot, he should go back to marksmanship school," said Schleifenbaum.

Although it hasn't been confirmed, the owner is confident the incident is related to the shooting of Haida, the alpha male wolf who escaped from the compound and was killed and removed by a passing motorist sometime around Jan. 1.

Four wolves escaped from the compound after holes were cut into the surrounding fences.

While no charges have been laid by the OPP in relation to the incident Schleifenbaum continues to hold the opinion the damage was done by an animal rights organization.

He does not believe the vandalism and the shootings are related to one another.

"We're not 100 per cent sure but have very strong evidence that the two [incidents] were totally unconnected," he said.

As a result the wolves are caught in the crossfire between one group who loves them and another who wants to end their lives, said Schleifenbaum.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has confirmed they are investigating the matter. According to the MNR the wolf centre is located within Havelock township, where it is illegal to hunt or trap wolves. The hunting of wolves is not permitted in any of the townships surrounding Algo-

nquin Park.

"However, the wolf centre is close to the boundary of the township and if the wolves move outside the harvest ban area they may be hunted or trapped under the same regulations that apply to any wild wolf in the area," MNR senior media relations officer Jolanta Kowalski told the paper.

The OPP continue to seek information in relation to the incident, however, no charges have been laid.

Schleifenbaum has offered a \$3,000 reward for information about the case that will lead to a criminal charge.

So far the reward has not led to any new information, said Haliburton Highlands acting commander staff Sgt. Chad Bark.

As of Jan. 11 the two juvenile wolves, Luna and Lonestar, were still outside the double fences, with staff trying to lure them using food traps and other devices.

"They were seen this morning just outside of the parking lot of the wolf centre ... they really would like to get back in and they know that's where their home is," said Schleifenbaum. Staff will continue to work towards getting the wolves back safely and are optimistic this will happen.

To date there has been no thought or discussion of replacing Haida, said Schleifenbaum.

"We are still confident we will be able to reunite that pack ... it's very difficult to bring a new strange wolf into a pack. A pack is really a family unit and normally not very kind to outside intruders."

The unsocialized animals were raised in captivity, therefore not able to fend for themselves in the wild, Schleifenbaum said. Those with any information about the investigation are being encouraged to contact the Haliburton OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or the Forest at 705-754-2198.

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Little response to county sign bylaw review

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County residents don't seem to care much about the county's sign bylaw review, for which it has been seeking public input.

In the fall, the county put out a public survey, approaching property owners' associations for feedback.

Two of the major issues are whether to allow more field advertising – billboards – along county roads and whether to restrict realtor directional signage, the sort often tacked on trees.

At a Jan. 9 roads committee meeting, roads director Doug Ray said response to the survey has been extremely low.

Thirty-two people have viewed the survey and 16 have responded.

"Unfortunately, there was nothing from any of the associations it was sent to," Ray said, adding his hope had been to bring a draft of the revised bylaw to committee in

February.

"If they comment now we can get some of those into the draft bylaw before we bring it to committee."

Ray said he's been looking at sign bylaws in neighbouring municipalities for comparison.

The draft 2013 county roads budget is for \$5.9 million, with approximately \$2.5 million for road and bridge construction. \$2.6 million for maintenance, \$530,000 in wages, benefits, vacation and training, and \$280,000 in engineering costs.

It uses approximately \$500,000 in gas tax revenue and draws \$160,000 from reserves.

County council will be reviewing the 2013 budget at the end of the month.

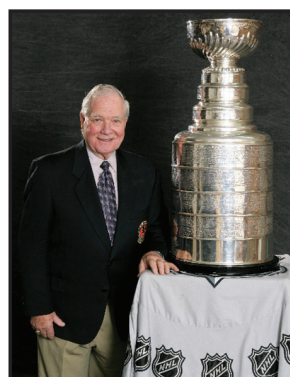


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Tourism development committee to expand

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County's tourism development committee is changing its composition, expanding to include local tourism stakeholders.

Barrie Martin and other members of the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Committee, a collective of tourism operators that meets a number of times each year to discuss ideas, paid a visit to committee members at their Jan. 9 meeting.

The group was seeking a formal relationship with the tourism development committee, which currently consists of the county's four reeves.

"The bottom line for us is how can we help?" said Martin, who acted as group spokesman. "We feel that a formal relationship between the two groups would result in a community-wide collaboration to build a sustainable tourism industry. It would provide you with first-hand, current information and insights as to what's happening on the ground and in the front lines as to tourism in this county."

Martin said it would give the county a chance to provide information more directly to stakeholders, accommodate more ideas and be better able to respond to new opportunities, such as the upcoming Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

"Many of us have connections outside the local community," Martin continued, adding it would be a chance to bring those resources to the table.

He suggested a few ways the formal relationship could be structured, including the sharing of committee minutes, appointing a non-voting member of his committee to sit on the council commit-

tee, having tourism co-ordinator Maria Micallef or a councillor attend his group's meetings, or designating the group as an advisory committee to the county committee.

"There's been some murmuring on and off for some time about this topic, so your timing is perfect," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who was re-elected as committee chairwoman for the year at Wednesday's meeting.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was voted vice-chairwoman.

"I think in some discussion with colleagues, what we'd like to propose is a bit of a collaborative committee, not unlike the accessibility committee and the library committee where there are members of the public on it," Moffatt said.

Terms of reference need to be fleshed out, but a preferred structure would be four representatives of council – not necessarily the four reeves – two members of Martin's group and another member of the public with an interest in tourism.

People will be asked to apply for this position.

"The tourism committee doesn't represent everyone . . . it represents most, but not all," Moffatt said, adding that it was important the balance of the committee still consist of county representatives. "Otherwise you'll end up with the public telling the county how to spend its money and that's not the way it works."

Reid was concerned that new members needed to understand that committee meetings would continue to be held on Wednesday mornings.

"That's the condition under which we'd have to operate," she said.

Martin thought that would be fine.

"It's quite a large group and there's lots of flexibility," he said.

County looks to grow Hike Haliburton Festival

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County council is looking to ramp up the Hike Haliburton Festival in 2013.

Members of the county's tourism development committee received a final report on the 2012 festival at their Jan. 9 meeting.

The fall event, which celebrated its 10th anniversary, drew more than 1,200 people to some 50 events.

While councillors were happy with the turnout, there was discussion about how to grow what is considered the county's signature event.

Leading that charge was Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, who felt the county needed to better advertise the festival outside of its borders.

Reid noted that for the 2012 event, some eight per cent of participants had sought overnight accommodations.

"What that means is that most of the people attending the event are coming from within the county, which means you're really just recycling existing money," she said.

Tourism co-ordinator Maria Micallef said there had been marketing outside the county, which is why the percentage of over-nighters had grown to eight per cent from a previous two.

"I'm not sure we've allocated enough advertising dollars outside of the county to really maximize this event," Reid said.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt agreed that the festival needed more funding.

There is \$25,000 for the festival in the draft 2013 budget. There is also anticipated revenue of \$4,500 from donations and sponsors. Last year that amount ended up being more than \$9,200. The county is also applying for

a Celebrate Ontario grant of \$12,800 towards the event.

"If we're going to be serious about this event, let's budget to go after major sponsorship," Reid said. "Let's talk to Mountain [Equipment] Co-op, let's talk to Sporting Life. Let's talk to people about trying to get that [sponsorship] number up to \$10,000 because then you can take the difference and put it right down in your advertising line. If you shoot low, you'll stay low."

Reid also wanted to know why the county was not applying for a larger amount from Celebrate Ontario.

Chief administrative officer Jim Wilson said a condition of Celebrate Ontario is that applicants must apply for a different reason than they have in the past.

Last year the county got some \$14,000 from Celebrate Ontario, which it used towards some of the special events to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the festival.

This year it would be using the money to go after the Chinese market.

Micallef said that asking for higher amounts lowers the chances of getting approved.

"If you go to the \$40,000, your chances of getting approved are very slim," she said.

Reid also questioned the necessity of Haliburton County continuing to have a presence at the Cottage Life show.

"I think that money should be redirected into advertising on Hike Haliburton or advertising against certain target groups," she said.

Micallef said she somewhat agreed, but found value in the Cottage Life show.

"The problem is getting that cottager in our face," she said. "They don't always stop at the info centre."

"It's because they don't want to," Reid said.

"I think we need to accept the fact that cottagers may be part of our tourism economy,

but they are not going to be the future, the new business that we are supposed to be generating."

Micallef disagreed, saying cottagers had family and friends who came to visit.

"Anybody that becomes an advocate of the Haliburton Highlands is going to go out and sell it to anybody else," she said.

Reid said when cottagers have family and friends over, they stay at the cottage.

"That's the whole reason for the visit," she said.

"I think that's the way it used to be," Micallef responded. "I don't think it's necessarily the way now. People that cottage now want the activities, they want things to do. It's

just trying to get that information into their hands."

Moffatt said shuffling of money could be looked at during budget discussions. County council will be reviewing the 2013 later this month.

Moffatt also said the issue of money that had been used to pay the department's former director needed to be "tidied up."

Last year, with the impending retirement of Bob Smith, council took \$80,000 out of the department budget.

Moffatt was the sole councillor who voted to leave the money where it was, reasoning that once it was taken out, it would be difficult to put it back in.

EMS improves response times

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Haliburton County EMS department reduced its response times in 2012.

The average response time fell by almost two minutes, from 12 minutes and 28 seconds to 10 minutes and 30 seconds.

The county also improved its 90th percentile response time from 27 minutes and 34 seconds to 26 minutes and 43 seconds.

The time established by the province for the year was 26 minutes and four seconds. The county historically has problems meeting times set by the province because of its large size and small population. This year it begins setting its own targets.

EMS director Pat Kennedy called 2012 a historic year for his department, with four full-time paramedic positions being added in September bringing the county's full-time staff to 24.

They provide more than 52,500 hours of scheduled service hours, with Minden and

Haliburton manned 24 hours a day and Highlands East manned 16 hours a day.

The standby base in Tory Hill was completed on time and on budget and a number of paramedics graduated from an enhanced paramedic skills program.

The department's draft budget for 2013 includes an increase in the area of 3.4 per cent, or around \$72,000, related mostly to wage and benefit increases.

Kennedy said the draft includes a one per cent cost-of-living increase. Last year the province provided a 1.5 per cent cost-of-living increase.

The Ontario government traditionally funds the ambulance program at half of the previous year's budget.

Health costs for the county in the 2013 draft budget are approximately \$2.57 million, with net expenses for the EMS department accounting for \$2.195 million.

Contributions from the province are expected at around \$2.3 million.

County council will review the budget later this month.



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Topic: Free Services for Employers

Fleming CREW is the local service provider for Employment Ontario programs and services. Shanthi Bascombe, Employment and Training Consultant, will outline the free services that are available to Employers in Haliburton County including details about funding that is available to support on the job training.

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New HHHS CEO up to the challenge

➤ Varouj Eskedjian starts his tenure in Haliburton facing era of fiscal restraint – with relish

Jenn Watt
Editor

The first CEO Varouj Eskedjian worked for gave him a piece of advice that has followed him throughout his career.

“If you’ve got all sorts of money, you really don’t have to manage, you just throw money at the problem ... but when you don’t have that financial discretion and dollars available, that’s when the true managers come out.”

It’s advice Eskedjian will soon be putting into practice as the new president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, the corporation that handles both of Haliburton County’s hospitals, its long-term care units and mental health services.

The Liberal government recently announced that health services wouldn’t be receiving any increase in funding for

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I like the community hospital feel because the community is invested in its hospitals.

— *Varouj Eskedjian*
HHHS CEO

the next three years.

Meanwhile, pre-negotiated labour agreements and inflation guarantee costs will be going up between two and three per cent a year.

“When you’ve got less discretion in terms of a small budget, then you have to be really creative and efficient to ensure that you maintain your level of services,” Eskedjian said.

“My intent and my goal is to ensure that we maintain all of our services, if not enhance them,” Eskedjian said on his sixth day as head of the corporation.

Originally from Sudbury, the hospital administrator has worked in London, Orillia and Lindsay at much bigger hospitals than Haliburton.

He said he came here for the community hospital envi-



Jenn Watt Staff

Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Varouj Eskedjian started his new job at the beginning of January, 2013. Eskedjian has worked in Orillia and Lindsay before coming to Haliburton.

ronment.

“I like the community hospital feel because the community is invested in its hospitals,” he said.

In Haliburton County, staff members are likely to be serving their neighbours, friends and family; it keeps everyone more accountable.

The CEO is tasked with steering the entire corporation. He manages the managers and sets the agenda.

He talks to the bureaucrats and builds bridges with community groups.

With such a wide range of possibilities, Eskedjian has narrowed his focus to five priorities: integration, budget, safety, work environment and enhancement.

In a landscape of cutbacks, the health-care leader said he believes improvements can still happen – you just have to be creative.

The example he gives is tool sterilization. It used to be done in Haliburton, but now equipment is shipped to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay where there are better services.

“When the accreditation surveyors were here ... they identified the way we sterilized our instruments as not necessarily meeting the current benchmarks and gold standards. It’s difficult as a very small organization because it requires a level of expertise and investment in terms of

your equipment and people,” he said.

The turnaround time at Ross Memorial was quick enough to accommodate HHHS’s needs, it saved money and enhanced quality.

Eskedjian hopes more collaboration can happen. “We’re looking at enhancements through partnerships,” he said.

In the same breath, he said he is aware of the board of directors’ desire to keep governance in Haliburton.

Top of the capital expenditures list this year: the Haliburton hospital’s second palliative care suite.

The suite is at the proposal stage, with approval from the Central East Local Health Integration Network. There’s no timeline on when approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care might come.

As for the CT scanner, an idea that has been batted around for years by the HHHS board, Eskedjian said that is more of a long-term project that needs to be carefully considered first.

Despite all of the potential bumps on the road ahead, Eskedjian is eager to get started.

“Even though it’s a difficult time, I also find it to be an exciting time because I think challenges present opportunities,” he said.



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Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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Kids and parents are all invited to the upcoming fun "Piggy Party" at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Sunday, Jan. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. It's time to celebrate the success of the penny drive to fill up the pink piggies in the village that were raising funds for the playground and other fun activities for Dorset kids and families.

There will be loads of pizza, special prizes, fun activities and a chance to share your ideas. The Piggy Party is being organized by the Hickling family, the Community Project Group and the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corp. For more information, call Jan at 705-766-2170.

Stop by the playground and be the first to try out the new deluxe tire swing which is great for all ages, holds several kids ... even parents.

For those wishing to sponsor the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival, pledges are due by Jan. 17. Please contact the Dorset Recreation Centre at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 by the 17th if you would like to be included on the flyer.

A sponsorship is very reasonably priced, sponsors get listed at www.dorset-snowball.com and on the Snowball brochure, which is mailed out to more than 2,000 addresses throughout Huntsville, Dwight, Dorset, Minden and Baysville.

The cooking class scheduled to take place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, Jan. 10 starting at 7 p.m. has been postponed to Jan. 17. Join Rebekah Lennerton from Black River Foods for an

evening themed around comfort foods and one-pot meals. Becky supports a farm-to-table philosophy and will be sharing her knowledge of the practice.

At least one recipe will be demonstrated and there will be recipe handouts. Come hungry! Registration is required and the cost is \$5 per person - all is supplied. Email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 if you would like to register.

The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival Prince and Princess Pageant is taking place again this year and all boys and girls ages four to 13 are welcome to join the fun. Kids must enter by Jan. 31 to be included. Parents stop by the recreation centre or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca to obtain a registration form.

Categories are ages four to five, enter a snow themed picture; ages six to eight, enter a snow themed poem; and ages nine to 13, enter a winter sport themed

essay. All entries must be original and previously unpublished. The winners will be announced at the family skating party (or dance, weather dependant) on Friday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Winners and runners up will also be asked to ride the pageant float in the Snowball parade on Saturday, Feb. 16. For more information, call 705-766-9968.

Birthday wishes for Jan. 13 to 19 go out to Kevin Nixon, Joyce McKey, Kyle Wheeler, Dave Bradbury, Dave McDonald, Brenda Davies and Debbie Eichler. Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send wishes to your special loved ones or even you! So, for all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

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It's Razzamataz time again! This Sunday, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Theatre the Razzamataz Kids Shows presents *Wind in the Willows*, a delightful play featuring excellent puppetry, theatre, storytelling, dance, music and visual arts. The Rag

and Bone Puppet Theatre will tell this wonderful story of four little animals. You get to meet the shy mole, the rat that loves the river, the toad and the baby otter that they rescue. It's a tale about standing up to bullies and learning how to listen to the wind

that whispers in the willows along the river.

Tickets are available at the door and are only \$8 for adults, children \$6 and under two years are free. For more details check out their website at www.razzamataz.ca.

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Razzamataz Kids' Shows are made possible in part by a grant from the Ontario Arts Councils Touring and Collaborations Program.

Don't have kids to take? Take your inner child and enjoy!

Saturday night was the live band third annual Golden Slipper Music Era dance which was transferred to the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant at basically what could be called the last minute. This was a '50s style evening organized by the Haliburton County Historical Society. Everyone was encouraged to dress in that era type clothing, which

was easy for some and harder for others like me! I was hoping I could get away with tie-dyed clothing remembering the hippie movement of the late '50s or was it early sixties - who remembers! Anyway, there were a couple of ladies wearing full skirts with crinolines - remember those? I do and all I can say was that they were the most uncomfortable itchy things that I do remember and thank goodness that it was for a short period of my life. Anyway, that said the evening had the makings of a great night except that Mother Nature put a damper on it by covering the area with dense fog. The band was the Jazz Kitchen who played songs that were as close to the originals as you can get. They were really good; even though it wasn't my music era I really

enjoyed their performance and attempted the dancing that was popular back then.

The next event the Haliburton Historical Society has planned is the Feb. 23 meeting with speaker Shirley Warder with her topic being "One-room School Houses". This will take place Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the Minden Cultural Centre in the common room located at 174-176 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

If you would like to join the historical society the cost is only \$20 per year or \$30 per couple, or to just attend one of their guest speaking events the cost is only \$5. Contact 705-754-0427 for more information.

Have a great week!

Creative club workshop for children at the Kinmount library



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Today, Jan. 14, is my birthday or as known in the Province of Quebec my name day. Now in my vocabulary platitudes such as "you're not getting older you're getting better" or reference to the "golden years" have been replaced with others such as "growing old is not for the feint of heart". After some patronizing episodes over the holidays in city restaurants and the automated car wash Bruce says that he is seriously considering discussing with our Kinmount hair stylists Christine and Jessica having his hair dyed a more youthful colour to discourage ageism attitudes. Ending 2012 on a high note granddaughter Emma after two years of auditions and disappointment has now completed her first film with a lead role in a Canadian full length production shot in Toronto. This experience proved to be such a positive one and has served to reinforce her determination to be in theatre. We are very proud of her.

Once again the Kinmount community is saddened by the passing of Marilyn Swinson (Bateman) on Jan. 9 at the early age of 62 years. A long time resident of Kinmount she was a familiar face over the counter at Dettman's Variety and also at Shop 'N Save always cheerful and helpful. Often in the morning Marilyn could be seen out briskly walking with friend Roni Brelsford. A devoted mother and grandmother she will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Regular events continue at the Royal Canadian Legion branch 441 Kinmount with weekly bingo on Friday evenings at 6:45 p.m. and the weekly Saturday afternoon meat draw at 5 p.m. An open charity dart tournament is being planned for Saturday, Feb. 9 with registration at 9:30 a.m. and darts starting at 10 a.m. For more details on programs give the branch at 705-488-3462.

Scottish music will fill the Burnt River Community Centre at the Robbie Burns Dinner on Friday, Jan. 18 with the piper leading off the festivities at 6 p.m. Dinner and a Scottish program will complete the evening. Tickets are \$16/person and available by calling June Hunter at 705-454-1653 during the day or 705-454-8054 in the evening. At the Kinmount Library a "Creative Club" workshop for children will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 10:30 a.m. but please call ahead to register at 705-488-3199. That same day there will be the monthly book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level. Choose from a variety of great books at only 50 cents a copy. This sale is held on the third Saturday of each month with funds going towards special projects such as the Reading Garden. For a fun-filled family experience head out to the annual Community Sleigh Rides on Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Pearson Hunt Camp on the Galway Road beginning about 12:30 p.m. and continuing to 4 p.m. There will be tasty hot lunch items available for purchase in the cozy cabin and a blazing bonfire to chase away winter's chill. Proceeds are directed to a selected project benefitting the Galway area.

The Kinmount Agricultural Society will hold its annual

meeting open to any interested person on Friday, Jan. 25 at the Galway Hall. The potluck supper will start at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to start at 8 p.m. At the meeting reports will be received from the 2012 Fair along with the annual financial report and the election of officers. Please note that the Kinmount Pioneer Society is looking for volunteers to assist with its impressive presentation at the Pioneer Complex over fair weekend. This is a great opportunity to be involved in showcasing our history and creative talents.

The Kinmount & District Educational Bursary Fund will hold its second annual dinner and loonie auction on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Galway Hall. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with a cash bar and dinner to follow at 6 p.m. There will also be a country raffle and door prizes then after dinner the popular loonie auction will take place. Tickets are \$12/person and available at the Kinmount Pharmacy 705-488-1960 or by calling Vic at 705-488-3053. Proceeds raised will go to the Educational Bursary Fund for area young people going on to post secondary educational pursuits. In 2012 assistance was provided to seven local students. Please note that the Galway Hall is fully accessible. Kinmount Winterfest is fast approaching with Saturday, Feb. 24 set for this annual family event. Start now to prepare for the Downhill Dash contest by making and decorating your toboggan using only cardboard and tape. There are prizes for best decorated and furthest distance in three age categories. Helmets are mandatory and pre-registration is available at Gateway General Store. Until next week ...

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Fun was had by all at church bonspeil

Sunday, Jan. 6 starting at 1 p.m. at the Minden Curling Club, the Highland Hills Pastoral Charge of the United Church held its 11th annual bonspeil. The bonspeil was attended by members of Minden United, Zion United and Maple Lake United Churches as well as participants from the Minden Curling Club and the community.

The fun competition included 61 curlers who made up eight-partner teams of eight curlers who played two six-end games, as well as a bowling game on the ice.

The Spencley trophy was awarded to the winning team of Royce Miller, Marian Gillanders, Sam Miller, Dick Schell, Jim Burrows, Irene Alexander, Loretta Cusato and Andy Cooper.

landers, Sam Miller, Dick Schell, Jim Burrows, Irene Alexander, Loretta Cusato and Andy Cooper. Rev. Max Ward's daughter Lily, agenine, made her debut as a curler, joined by some other new curlers, with one coming all the way from Australia.

Following the games, the curlers and a large number of spectators sat down to a delicious potluck dinner.

This low cost event which is open to all in the community, as always, was highly successful providing much fun, laughter and fellowship. The small profit will be donated to the Minden Food Bank.

Submitted by Don Pflug



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Rev. Max Ward and nine-year-old daughter, Lily, getting some guidance from dad. Submitted by Don Pflug

Fast and furious battle between Peewee A Storm and Otters

It was an exciting night of hockey in Minden on Saturday night. On the surface it was a meaningless game. It was the final game of the season that had no bearing on the upcoming play-downs or even the newly structured MPS finals, that is now a reformatted tournament to be held in Huntsville next weekend.

Winning or losing had no bearing on anything to come but try telling Smolen Dentistry's Peewee A team and the Huntsville Otters that.

The game opened with a fast and furious pace that didn't let up until the final seconds had slowly ticked away. Both goalies had unbelievable games. Josh Bellefleur was remarkable, making difficult saves from all angles matched only by the goaltending at the other end.

The first period ended without a goal but plenty of action. In the second period the game opened up and Huntsville was able to capitalize on the opportunities awarded them through the power-play.

Owen Smith quickly evened the score with a shot from the slot that rolled over the shoulder of the unsuspecting goalie.

Another power play let Huntsville invade the blue line and score on a screened shot through the pads of Bellefleur but with less than a minute to go, Alex Petrie tied it up again by banging in a nice feed from Josh Boice after a flurry of action around the Huntsville net.

In the third period, Josh Boice made a nice rush that ended with the puck just barely squeaking through the pads of the outstretched Huntsville goalie.

The remainder of the game was an end-to-end battle and our entire team stood up to the onslaught of pressure that confronted them.

With the Huntsville goalie pulled to add an extra player, the final minute ended with a pile of bodies in front of our net, but the puck mercifully remained outside.

From top to bottom, it was one of our best games of the season and a great example of how well our team can and will need to play from here on out.

Only this time, from here on out, the games will actually mean something.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Girls' team prepares for play-downs

The Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire midget BB girls' hockey team received some good news this week. Their application for reclassification to Midget B was approved for provincial play-downs. The Storm girls play their last league game on the road Sunday night against Leaside. The last meeting was a close contest with the Storm squad squeaking out a 1-0 win with just seconds left in the game. Be sure to keep the focus, ladies, as we prepare for provincial play-downs that will be held Championship weekend with the Women's Hockey World Championship.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Midgets to play round robin this weekend

The Complete Roofing/TimBr Mart Major Midget team completed a successful regular season this past weekend. The team finished on top of their division with a 13-4-1 record in the Muskoka Parry Sound loop. This team entered two tournaments where they also claimed the championships: our home Cody Hodgson fall classic and the Brian English Memorial in Elmvalle. Thanks to the coaching staff of John, Rod, Jeff and Ed for their leadership and patience.

This weekend they will be headed for a year-end round robin tourney with the MPS loop and then on to the OMHA play-downs. Our first home game will be against Parry Sound on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. in Minden.

Submitted by Wendy Sisson

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Novices get to be Pete for a day

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On Saturday, Jan. 12, the Storm had the opportunity to be a Future Pete for the day, we travelled to the Memorial Arena home of the Peterborough Petes. They had a tour of the Petes' dressing room, got to experience being interviewed, met a Pete player and played a game against the Petes' Novice team. It was a well-matched game, and fun for all, Emily Alexander scored her first goal of the season to tie our game, way to go! On Sunday it was back to Gravenhurst to play the South Muskoka Bears. The Storm came out to play hard for their last regular season game. The Bears get on the board early with three goals in the first. They start off the second period with another goal. Hunter Winder scores assisted by Kyan Hall late in the second. Again, the Bears score early in the third, Nick Phippen scores assisted by Winder and Emily Alexander making the score 5-2, the Bears come back with one more ending the game 6-2.

Submitted by Trisha Phippen

Highland Storm Atom As defeat Lindsay Muskies

The Highland Storm Peppermill Atom A team travelled to compete in the three day Peterborough Lift Lock Tournament over the weekend.

The boys came out strong in their first game on Friday

as they defeated the Lindsay Muskies 4-0. Goals were scored by Alex Little, Nigel Smith (2) and Benn MacNaull with assists from Cole Prentice, Alex Little and Paul Turner. Impressive goaltending by Dylan Keefer backed by strong defence (Ethan Glecoff, Isaac Little, Ryan Hall and Miki Bukta) resulted in a shut-out for the team! The boys met the Ottawa Silver Sevens for their second game of the tournament on Saturday morning. The boys played hard and were on their game but just couldn't bring the opposition down.

The score of 2-7 for Ottawa (who later went on to win the tournament in the division) was not a reflection of the Storm's efforts as they put forth a great fight.

Both goals for the Storm scored by Zach Morissette with assists from Carter Bull (2), Isaac Little and Joe Boice. The second game of the day the Highland Storm met the Huntsville Otters. Knowing they would have to defeat the Otters to advance to the qualifier for the consolation round.

The boys came out determined to win! Never having defeated the Otters this season the coaches knew the boys' work would be cut out for them and work they did! Not ready to go home the boys dominated the game much to everyone's surprise (Huntsville included)!

With a final score of 3-1 for Storm the boys happily advanced! Goals scored by Ryan Hall, Paul Turner and Zach Morissette and assists from Joe Boice and Benn MacNaull (2).

The boys arrived early Sunday morning for the qualifier to the consolation round meeting the South Muskoka

Bears (another rival from the MPS loop). Staying strong throughout the game and never giving up resulted in yet another win for the Storm!

Final score 5-3 with goals from Paul Turner, Nigel Smith, Joe Boice, Ryan Hall and Benn MacNaull. With assists from Zach Morissette (2), Joe Boice and Nigel Smith.

The Storm then met the Collingwood Hawks for the Kawartha Credit Union consolation final. Both teams came out strong and determined to win! A back-and-forth game and well-matched teams kept spectators on the edge of their seats and cheering throughout the game. The first goal of the game, scored by Ryan Hall, put the boys in good spirits but Collingwood scored two quick goals to make it 2-1 for the opposition.

Just when it looked as if the game would end in their opponents' favour, Isaac Little made a quick pass to fellow defenceman Miki Bukta for a goal, and forced the game into overtime! The pace remained fast in OT even though both teams were visibly exhausted. Making a final pass Benn MacNaull hands off to Joe Boice for the game winner! The Atom A team was able to prove that with lots of heart, determination and teamwork they can accomplish their goals!

Special thanks to their dedicated coaches and trainers Mike MacNaull, Clay Glecoff, Greg Turner and Tim Keefer. Next weekend the boys will travel to Parry Sound to participate in the MPS tournament.

Let's go Storm!

Submitted by Jenn Little

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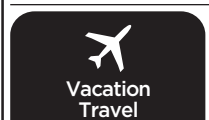
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To everyone for the food, calls, cards, hugs and words of comfort and support during a difficult time.

A special thank you to Lenore Prentice for her unending love and support.

To Pastor Ross Fogwell for his warmth and caring words of comfort during Mom's funeral service, and to Debbie Fogwell for playing such beautiful music.

To the staff at Monk's Funeral Home, with special thanks to Barry Cray for his guidance, support and understanding.

To the ladies at Pioneer Baptist Church, Norland, for the delicious and bountiful luncheon.

To Mom's pall bearers Kevin (son), John Fountain (son-in-law), Leisa Neely (granddaughter) and life-long friends, Clayton Cameron, Jerry McKelvey and Royce Miller.

Thank you to all who attended Mom's funeral visitation and funeral service.

Our family sincerely hopes we have not missed anyone who deserves our heartfelt Thank You.

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SCOTT – Eldon Bliss

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Formerly of Duck Lake Road and Reynolds Road, "Scotty" passed away quietly at the Georgetown Hospital. He was predeceased by; his parents Walter and Edna, brother Herbert and sister Ila. Survived by his brother Roy of Haliburton, his sister Barb of Oakville, 3 nieces and 2 nephews, his partner and love of his life, Sally Turriff and Sally's family of 4 daughters, 2 sons, 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

After retirement in 1996 from Northern Telecom, Eldon and Sally moved north to their retirement home, in Minden. He built, by hand a log cabin man cave, made maple syrup and fully embraced and enjoyed all four seasons in the Highlands and when there was hockey, his love/hate relationship with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

When cancer came knocking, they moved south to Georgetown to be closer to his treatments and his many friends he made through his 30 plus years with the Tachman Car Club. He truly enjoyed driving his 1962 Thunderbird at all area "Cruise Nights". The family would like to thank the many doctors and specialists at both the Brampton and Georgetown hospitals and all the many drivers and volunteers from the Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills in Georgetown. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at the J.S. Jones & Sons Funeral Home in Georgetown. Spring interment at Coningsby Cemetery, Hillsburg. In memory, contributions were made to Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills and/or the Georgetown Hospital Foundation

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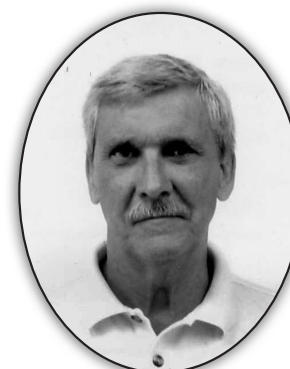


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County card scores

January 4 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Ross Fletcher and Reet Murray 68 percent and Helen Baker teamed with Kathie Porter 61 percent. Leading in East/West were Bill Sandford and Hank Andriulaitis 64 percent with Alek and Irena Zworski next at 53 percent.

January 7 euchre at Club 35: Dorene Elstone reports that the high scores were posted by Jean Dutka and Anne Manning while Carol and Al McMullen had the evening's lows. Pearl Kernohan was a double winner for both most lone hands and the baloney. Her many friends at Club 35 will greatly miss Helen Windsor and condolences go out to Garth and family.

January 8 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the ladies at 278 was Theresa Deak with Georgina Parkes and Vi Howell tied for second at 255 and Janice Davidson 253 third. First for the gents was Ron Morrison 349 followed by Tom Grix 284, Dana Briscoe 283 and Marcy Morgan 212. Phyllis Windsor won the major draw with Karen Chapman, Tom Grix and Vi Howell claiming the smaller prizes. Six moonshots landed on Theresa Deak, Karen Chapman, Dana Briscoe, Shirley Milne, Tom Grix and our interim reporter Bev Johnson.

January 8 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: For the gents Harold Harvie was high and Bruce Shephard low while Gala Newell was high lady and our reporter Barb Carpenter low. Nancy MacPherson won for most

lone hands with Bob Winder taking home the special prize.

January 8 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top spot went to the duo of Moe Briscoe and Sandy Poulton at 295 then at 242 Connie Sawyer and George Hamilton. In third place were Kaye Bull and Ray Lymer 236 while our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with John Platt claimed the afternoon's low of 124.

January 8 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that the top three players were Jan Heaven 5,920, David Gray 4,850 and Heather Harrington 3,990. There were two Small Slams over the morning by Gerald Bergin and Diane James and David Gray partnered with Jan Heaven.

January 8 contract bridge at Club 35: High scoring quartet members were Rob Eaton 5,940, Bruce Armstrong 5,100, Ev Morgan 4,660 and Jackie Metcalf 4,390. Carol Bowker won the draw with Mary Johnson awarded the Shiny Penny. There was one Small Slam by Rob Eaton and Ev Morgan.

January 9 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Our reporter Muriel McIntosh partnered with Stella McMillan led in North/South at 66 percent then Dave and Jan Heaven 62 percent. Over in East/West top honours went to Reet Murray and Ev Morgan 62 percent with a tie for second between the duos of Bruce Armstrong and Linda Cherry and Liv Andersen and Lois Emmerson at 50 percent.

January 9 bid euchre at Stanhope: Lead-

ing ladies were Lottie Ruttan 210, Pat Marshall 190 and Willie Cox 188 while first for the whites at 334 was Colin Miller followed by Tom Macartney 250 and Marg Oetelaar 222. Colin Miller and Tom Macartney [2] claimed the moonshots. Thanks to Linda Lambert for this news.

January 9 bid euchre at Club 35: Pink honours went to Linda Voycey 360, Linda Lambert 235 and Carol McMullen 215. At 260 Colin Miller led the gents then Penny Elliott 237 and Al McMullen 235 while Jean Dutka held the hidden score and Linda Lambert [2] and Penny Elliott took the moonshots.

January 10 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Marcy Morgan 283, Pat Roussel 275, Eileen Shapiera 237 and Gala Newell 225. First for the gents at 290 was Marcel Roussel followed by Phyllis Windsor 256, John Deak 247 and Doug McIntosh 212. Sharron Atkinson won the major draw with Muriel McIntosh, Pearl Cowen and June Branning claiming the smaller prizes. Thanks to Bev Johnson for her update.

January 10 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Pearl Cowen and Jesse Barlow with Karen Chapman and John Deak posting the high scores. Muriel McIntosh and Eileen Shapiera recorded the lows while John Deak [2], Anne Manning, Bob Pollard and our reporter May Bradbury took home the other prizes.

January 11 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Doreen Francis, for lone hands Albert Foster, for low

hands Pat Bailey and for the special prize our reporter Shirley Howe.

January 12 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that the leading ladies were Vi Howell 257, Jean Scadden 227 and Tom Grix 217. At 288 Dwaine Lloyd topped the gents then Karin Harrison 273 and at 179 Kevin Maloney. Vi Howell won the special prize while moonshots landed on Tom Grix, Dwaine Lloyd and Archie Ross.

January 13 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Sandra Crockett won for high hands, Bev Johnson for most lone hands, Jayne Cooper for low hands and Sherin Brown for the special prize. Thanks to Arthur Forbes for this update.

January 14 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Betty Sharpe and Kaye Bull with Joyce Ritchie and Lilian Mann posting the high scores. Gwen Cox and Barbara Braithwaite claimed the afternoon's lows while Audrey Heywood won the special prize.

January 14 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Pat Bailey won for high hands, Albert Foster for lone hands, Shirley Howe for the special prize and tied for low hands Elaine Yeo and our reporter Doreen French.

January 14 euchre at Club 35: Most lone hand holder was Pearl Kernohan with our reporter Dorene Elstone and Anne Manning posting the high scores. The lows went to Margaret Oetelaar and Jean Dutka while Dorene Elstone also won the baloney.

Minden Legion looking for volunteers as servers and cooks



Legion br. 636

Branch 636 of the Royal Canadian Legion wishes to thank everyone who came to the Legion this past weekend. The Highlands Trio had everyone hopping on Friday night

and Saturday afternoon. Our kitchen and bar were busy as well. Thanks to the Highlands Trio for volunteering your time. Thanks to the other entertainers who joined in the open mike time.

Following our holiday break we are now back to our daily activities. We are still serving lunches Mondays to Fridays and our fish and chips or wings and chips on Friday lunches

and dinner. On Tuesdays we run our art class in the mornings and bid euchre in the afternoons. Our weekly meat draw is on Wednesday over the lunch hour. Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. euchre is played and Fridays we have darts at 7:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in the kitchen as cooks or as servers. For further information on any of these activities call the Minden Legion at 705-

286-4541. The clubroom is open on Saturdays and Sundays and we have been watching the NFL playoff games on the big screen. Everyone is welcome to join us. We are still looking for donations of new or nearly-new items for our loonie auction on Saturday, Jan. 26. Please bring your donations to the Legion.

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- 3 bdrms, Cherry Kit, 1370 sq' + lower W/O
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- Located between Minden and Haliburton.
- Year round municipal road.
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- Beautiful 3 bedroom home
- Quiet spring fed lake
- Level private lot with 875 feet of frontage
- Large garage with 2 carports

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- Great in-town starter home.
- New Napoleon propane fireplace.
- New septic 2011. New drilled well 2012.
- Lovely corner lot. Excellent location.

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- 2 bdrm bung. + den, new furnace
- 1.5 car garage, 2 sheds sitting on lrg lot
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- Great sandy beach area, 5 mins. to W. Guilford

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- 3 bdrm/2 bath chalet style home/cottage
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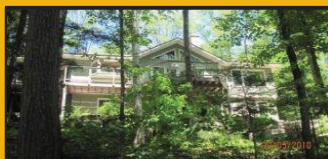
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- Large family home with 4 BRs & 1 1/2 baths
- Open concept with many upgrades
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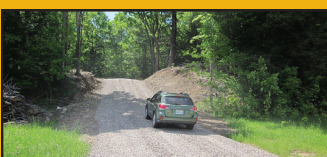
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- Wonderful sunset exposure and big lake view
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- Two prime building lots north of Minden
- Easy access from highway; driveways in
- \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres;
- HST in addition. Commercial use possible

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



Haliburton Lake-On Sale Now! \$319,700

- Newly renovated three bdrm cottage
- Flat lot, sand beach, big view
- Miles and miles of boating!
- Call for details.

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Minden Home \$209,000

- 4 Bedrooms/2.5 Bathrooms
- Partially Finished Basement
- New Pellet Stove in Rec Room
- Main Floor Laundry, Att'd Dbl. Garage

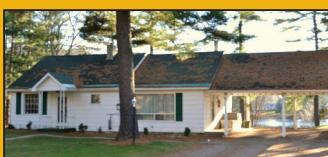
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Hunter Creek Estates \$98,500

- Affordable living in Adult Lifestyle Community
- Separate garage, and level lot
- 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths
- Newer appliances and several recent upgrades.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Mirror Lake \$169,000

- 3 bdrm, year-round home/cottage
- 60' of frontage on a small, quiet lake
- Easy year-round access, close to amenities
- Well-cared for, ready to move-in

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



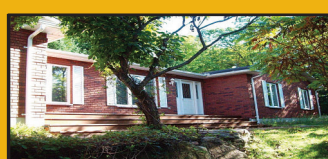
200 Acres Close to Minden \$219,000

- Just mins from Minden on South Lake Road.
- Large pond, trails, mix of hard/soft woods
- Mostly level, ideal as private retreat or home.
- Adjacent property to Snowdon Park Reserve.

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